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LITTLE LARRY

By J. M. Girtz

These days of proper diets, proper hygiene, miracle and antibiotics, it is rather seldom that a pastor funeral for a child. Barring accidents, they have had chance of growing to adulthood. But it was not little Larry Clipson.

He began to "slow up" some months ago to manifest attraction for quieter games and pursuits. He tried to catch the butterflies that flitted across the back of his home. He collected other flying and creeping things. His interests were rather mature for his seven and a half years. Pretty soon his younger sister, Theresa, and his friends over the fence, Kim and Blake, noticed that he was too quiet. He seemed not "rough" enough for their innocent and boisterous play.

Of course the parents were right in the middle of this moving human drama. There were trips to the doctor. There were tests and more tests. Sometimes there was hope, and then again an evasive answer or an unanswered question dashed their hopes again. But the malignancy of the disease could not be long hidden. The truth was known and faced—Larry's days were numbered!

Meanwhile Larry had been coming to church with his father, while father took care of his two younger sons. He could not stand the jostling and the liveliness of the Sunday School. So he wanted to go to church. He told his mother one day, "You know, the thing I like best is to shake hands with the pastor as I go out of the church."

Then came the days when he was too weak to go to church. He thought if he got a wheel-chair he could go. "How many days till Sunday?" he asked one of the last times the pastor visited. "Only three days," he was told. "Then I will see you Sunday," he said. But he never went to the hospital.

When I called upon my little friend. I could see that he was so very sick. But he was patient and brave. I tried to think and say again and again: Children can be sick—but they can also be so wonderful. And parents can be wonderful too. Larry's were and are. We stood together that last time, we prayed together, and

This In Memoriam account was written by J. M. Girtz in the parish paper of Olivet Lutheran Church, Inglewood, Calif., where Girtz is pastor.

I said good-bye to this little fellow with the shining eyes and the shining forehead. Then I waved, and he waved as I passed out into the busy world again, to go on with my job of working with people. A peculiar feeling of peace came over me, and I thought again: How wonderful to bring suffering, sorrowing people and Jesus Christ together in that fellowship of Divine Love and Hope which He has given to us. I walked out into the California sunshine where life was flowing briskly around me, and I thought of the cries of the many children that were in that hospital I had just left. And so again I thought: In spite of all that Jesus has done for us, in spite of all that modern science can do, there is still much sorrow and suffering in this world.

The last evening with his parents came, and it was a happy one. Larry seemed unusually bright—as though he might now get well. He did, but not in the way we poor humans reckon. About 11 p.m. that night his guardian angel came and led him up the golden stairs to glory. His tortured body could hold his freed spirit no longer.

Is Larry happy, Kim and Blake wanted to know. Yes, said his parents, and then it was not so bad. Maybe it was better. But Blake still had his difficulties understanding things just like his betters often do. But the next morning he said: "Now I know, that was just Larry's body they buried. Larry has gone to heaven to be with Jesus."

The text for the service was appropriately from Mark 10:13-16, the text where Jesus urges that children be brought to Him, for of such is the Kingdom of God. And somehow we feel that He is right. But how wonderful that we have this comfort in the midst of our sorrow; that our little children who are brought to Him in Holy Baptism are His very own, and that He will care for them, and that He will keep them for us until that day.

And so little Larry's story is told. He was so brave and so good. He will walk the lovely garden of Paradise until his parents and his loved ones come to meet him.

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News and Notes

Mrs. Hajime Inadomi, who is the widow of the well known Dr. Inadomi of Japan, who passed away last year, writes to us that their daughter Hiroko is now at Roanoke College because of a tuition scholarship for four years. She thanks every one who has been kind to her and her late husband.

Pastor Emeritus N. P. Sorensen of Waukegan, Ill., passed away Nov. 17, at Oshkosh, Wis., where he was visiting. Obituary will appear later.

The Christmas Chimes is out. It is edited by Lyle Paulsen, who has done a fine job making it very attractive. The pictures are good, and the reading matter very much worthwhile. It is a Luther League project, and we are sure that it will be reviewed in the youth pages of this paper.

Pastor Kenneth H. Petersen of Luverne, N. Dak., has accepted a call from the Lutheran Church at Shelby, Iowa. He expects to move into his new charge by Feb. 1st.

Harlan, Iowa. Pastor Lyle Paulsen. Mrs. Irene Pallesen of Ringsted, Iowa was guest speaker for our Ladies' Aid in the latter part of September when they entertained the Jacksonville Ladies' Aid.

A delightful evening's program was sponsored by our Luther Leaguers when they invited us to a "Vacation Premiere" and showed colored slides of vacation trips taken by various members of the congregation. The free-will offering was used to help delegates attend the District Convention.

Two very worthwhile and inspiring events took place in our congregation during October. A visitation program

to encourage daily Bible reading in the homes was held during the third week of October. Teams of voluntary visitors called in each home in the congregation to explain the project. We are using the illustrated Book of Mark for our November "Book of the Month," and our pastor's sermon topics are based on this.

Instead of having fall mission meetings or the like we had Days of Spiritual Adventure. Our guest speaker was Pastor Erhardt Nielsen of Audubon, Iowa. His topics were "God," "Faith," and "Love." After a general discussion of the topic each evening, we were divided into smaller groups which met in different parts of the church. After a period of quiet meditation upon the Scripture lesson, we "talked it over" together while a chairman made notes and then all re-assembled to compare reports made by the chairmen. A good cup of coffee and cookies afterwards helped to make these meetings into worthwhile and lively fellowships.

To further promote friendships and acquaintance with one another, two couples from the church board have served coffee and cookies immediately after morning services on one Sunday each month since October. It is easy and nice to chat for a few minutes over a cup of hot coffee in the church parlors instead of standing around outside. At least we will try it for awhile.

W.M.S. OF WEST CANADA

The W.M.S. of the Alberta churches of the West Canada District held their Fall Rally at Sharon Lutheran Church on October 19. Some sixty women registered representing Hussar, Tilley, Standard, Red Deer, Olds, and Calgary.

Pastor Elling of Calgary gave the devotional topic, Acts 16:13-16, in the form of a Bible Study. "As Lydia was constrained to have her household bap-

tized after she was enlightened by gospel, so must we as women of church be constrained to bring other the knowledge of the saving Grace Jesus Christ. This must begin in homes and extend to all mankind this is not our foremost aim in W.M.S. we must have missed purpose."

Discussion groups covered, Program Planning, "Women of the Church" plan, Altar Guild, Junior Mission Band, and Women's place in the church. These topics were very well presented. The one especially important to us at this time was, "Men of the Church" plan in view of coming merger. The new program has been well planned and its presentation at this time will give us time for careful and prayerful study so we will be ready to take our place in the new and greater Lutheran Church.

The afternoon program consisted of musical selections and reports from each Discussion Group. By these reports we were able to get some knowledge of each of the topics discussed. We also heard some letters from some of our missionaries in the foreign fields.

Mrs. Reinholdt, Hussar, Alberta gave a very interesting report on their trip to the Holy Land, India, and Japan where they visited missionaries in mission fields. She told us how the missionaries and natives lived and some of the superstitions and fears of the natives. Her talk certainly brought home the need of Christianity in these places.

A Love Gift of \$50.00 was given by Betty Ann Jorgensen, Hussar, who is leaving for the Santal Mission (India) where she will work as a nurse.

A film on Mexican Missions was shown depicting the difficulties which must be overcome to bring the gospel to these people.

A rally such as this gives us much food for thought and presents a great challenge to each of us as we relate to our work in our respective W.M.S. groups.

The Sharon Guild served the dinner and the Ladies' Aid supplied the coffee and cake before the guests left for home.

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Editorials and Comments

WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

A little 46 page booklet, "The Apostles' Creed", Dr. Bergendoff, writes: "I have come to feel in later years that there is no greater need in our Lutheran Church in America than for our people, men and women, old and young, to become more clear in regard to their faith and to be able to think through what is the Christian faith." In three lectures Dr. Bergendoff speaks to the congregation at Portland, Oregon, about the Christian faith as we have it in the Apostles' Creed. We find the lectures stimulating, and we suggest that pastors and people get the booklet (60 cents) and read it.

I agree with the author in his statement above. I am sure that anything that might be done to lead people into a deeper knowledge of their faith should be encouraged. The fact is that people do not think religiously now. They cannot do so, because they have so little knowledge of Christianity. Congregations have very few Sunday morning congregations with a twenty-minute sermon. When a person attends church only a few times a year, and the younger families have to leave their children during the service, it goes without saying that they cannot absorb very much religious knowledge. The strong emphasis on stewardship and socialism is good, but even that has a tendency to lead the member to think that when he does well in those things he is on the way of perfection in the Christian faith. The fact is that he may be doing those things without really knowing why he is doing them.

We are so anxious in our day to get fruits from every branch in the Christian life that we hardly permit time to mature. We do not expect a big yield of apples from trees that were planted last year. But when it comes to church members, we use statistics. So many people, much fruit, so much average in benevolence gifts. So many apple trees, so many bushels of apples, whether the trees are old or young.

Of course activity can help to deepen the Christian faith, but let us never forget the story about Jesus and the fig tree and Mary. The important thing for people is to stand at the feet of Jesus. That makes them rooted and grounded in their faith. And do not forget that Mary gave a great gift when she brought the costly ointment and poured it out on Jesus.

We have been very interested in the reports from congregations where they have some special instruction or fellowship for adults, such as midweek or Sunday evening services. We believe that there should always be a chance for people to come to church for Bible study and meditation, at some other time than the Sunday morning service. We have had the experience where people come together about the Word of God and they do mature in their faith and knowledge.

We also believe that the church must find a way of bringing people into that knowledge. People grounded in their faith by deeper knowledge become good stewards,

good workers in the kingdom of God. They need not be reminded by letter and by phone to do this or that. They become both hearers and doers.

If any reader has suggestions about this, write to us about it either in the form of an article or a letter to the editor.

NOW I'M FRUSTRATED

We wonder if some pastors do not agree with Dr. O. A. Geiseman who writes in the American Lutheran about confirmation instruction. Here are his comments:

Now I'm frustrated . . . My children's catechetical instruction classes have resumed. I have been meeting such classes now for a long, long time. I have never been persuaded that I was doing a top-notch job as a teacher, but I have always been happy for the privilege of teaching and in observing that children did seem to grow from week to week and month to month in their spiritual understanding and in their store of Biblical knowledge. I always hoped, of course, also that along with this they were growing in their faith and in their capacity to pray and to live like children of God.

But now all my confidence is being badly shaken. Almost each day I receive literature advertising all manner of aids which I am to employ in the instruction of my catechumens would I actually prove myself an effective teacher. I should place into their hands formidable workbooks. I should employ an unlimited amount of audio-visual material. I should involve the parents in the task, etc., etc.

The truth is, I am completely frustrated because I don't know how to manage all of this. First, I find that I need all the time at my disposal just to cover the basic truths of the Christian religion with the children entrusted to my care. Even so, I do not have the time to make sure that each child has attended to its assignments for each class period.

(2) Maybe I am simple and don't expect enough, but the truth is I am tickled to death if some of the children coming from completely unchurched homes and not being too well endowed themselves get the simplest and most essential truths and memorize well some of the most precious parts of the catechism and some of the most beautiful Bible passages assigned for memorization.

(3) I admit that I am completely incapable of getting out of the children the amount of work demanded by the workbook requirements which I have looked at and when it comes to the field of audio-visual aids, I throw up my hands in complete despair. I am sure it wouldn't be too hard to show a few slides or a filmstrip or even to run a little sound movie projector. I think I inherited enough mechanical sense from my ancestors to make this possible, but again it is a question of time.

Will someone please write me and save me from this ugly combination of frustration, fear and guilt?

Church News from here and there



Interior of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Kenmare, North Dakota. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The Rev. Edwin W. Petrusson is the pastor.

CATHOLIC LEADERS ADMIT CHARGES OF 'DECADENCE'

A number of Brazil's Roman Catholic leaders have been interviewed about a recent article in the North American Catholic magazine the *Sign*. The article, written by the missionary priest Albert J. Nevins, charged that Catholicism is "dying" in several Latin American countries, including this one. It aroused wide interest here. Queried by newsmen, Fr. D. Helder Camara, assistant to the Roman Catholic bishop of Rio de Janeiro, acknowledged that there is in Brazil "more Christian feeling than conscious, practiced Christianity." He laid our religious ignorance to the shortage of priests. Nevins' charges, he pointed out, are not news; even our bishops have said as much. He suggested that Fr. Nevins' pessimistic tone was designed to encourage the raising in North America of funds for Catholic missions in Brazil. Another Brazilian priest, Fr. Negromonte, said it is true that Catholicism in Latin America is "decadent, without doctrinal content." In two generations, if present trends continue, Latin America will no longer be "Catholic land," he said, while in contrast "Protestant heresy and spiritualism are enjoying evident prosperity."

PASTORS' SALARIES GO UP

Salaries paid to pastors of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. have gone up 49 per cent in eight years, according

to the denomination's board of pensions. Parish ministers (not including chaplains, foreign missionaries, church executives) now average \$4,700 cash salary plus \$705 house allowance.

This total of \$5,405 annual salary is the average received by 5,782 Presbyterian pastors of congregations. Averages in some synods are well above the national average.

The Disciples of Christ average salary last year, reported Dr. Wayne A. Greene, was \$4,030 plus parsonage.

PRAYER APPEAL LAUNCHES LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE DRIVE

Minneapolis, Minn.—A mail appeal for prayers has launched a fund campaign to finance a new \$1,500,000 campus for Lutheran Bible Institute in suburban Golden Valley.

The prayer appeal will be followed by personal solicitation from 5,000 to 6,000 volunteer visitors next May, the Rev. Bernt C. Opsal, institute president, announced at the annual meeting of the institute corporation.

The institute is currently located in Minneapolis, near the business district.

President Opsal also announced the formation of a faculty-board committee to plan a special course to train lay workers for Lutheran churches.

A parent board was organized to coordinate the program of the institute's four schools—in Minneapolis,

Los Angeles, Seattle and Teaneck, N.J.

HUGE LUTHERAN EXHIBIT PLANNED AT WORLD ASSEMBLY

Minneapolis, Minn.—The most complete exhibit ever built of "what Lutherans believe and do" is planned for the Lutheran World Federation assembly in Minneapolis next August, the national arrangement committee was told at a meeting here.

Albert E. Anderson, who is in charge of assembly exhibits, said the entire lower level of the Minneapolis municipal auditorium will be used for this purpose.

"We have the one opportunity in our lifetime to give comprehensive physical form to each aspect of who we are," he said. Nearly 100,000 square feet will be utilized.

Material is being shipped from all over the world to interpret the LWF church bodies with 48 million members in 29 countries to visitors at the assembly.

Exhibit areas will include the life and work of the LWF itself, the National Lutheran Council, world and national missions, educational institutions, parish education, public relations, stewardship, evangelism, well-being, architecture and allied arts, men's, women's and youth groups.

There will be exhibits of contributions Lutherans have made in the field of church music and religious art since the Reformation.

The arrangements committee has "proved in principle" an assembly budget totaling \$360,200, subject to final adoption next March. Funds will be provided by the National Lutheran Council and the LWF and by Lutheran congregations and individuals in the five-state area around Minneapolis.

ASK WORLD COUNCIL TEAM TO INVESTIGATE 'PERSECUTION' IN COLOMBIA

Kitchener, Ont.—The Canadian Council of Churches, at its biennial meeting here, called on the World Council of Churches to send a mission team into Colombia for a spot investigation of alleged persecution of Protestants in that country.

The call was made in a resolution voicing "deep apprehension and concern at the repression of religious groups, and the denial of freedom of public worship to some in Spain and Colombia."

proposal that the suggested team be Dr. John Mackay, president of the Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde of Philadelphia, director of the Commission on the Churches on International Relations, was made by the Very Rev. Dorey, former moderator of the United Church of Canada.

ETS STUDENTS FIND CHURCHGOING 'FASHIONABLE'

ago—Today's college students find churchgoing increasingly "fashionable" and "popular," a Conventional campus life expert observes here.

that does not prove colleges and universities are experiencing "a religious revival," said the Rev. Dr. Drake, secretary of the department of higher education of the National Board of Home Missions.

at does it mean if a fraternity pledges that its pledges attend church, and students discover church is a place to take a date?" he asked.

Drake discussed religious trends and the meeting of Congregational Christians and Evangelical and Reformed campus ministers here.

He was president of Doane College, Crete, Nebr., until 1948, when he was named to the denominational educational post.

"Certainly there is a greater and more intelligent theological interest among students, many of whom are reading Paul Tillich and Reinhold Niebuhr," he said.

"But as to the periodic reports that larger numbers of students are involved in campus religious programs, mere numbers alone are not important."

Dr. Drake suggested two other indices, in addition to students' interest in serious theology, to gauge the "depth and vigor" of the "revival."

The number of Christian students from the South who have overcome racial prejudices. ("Their religion apparently has done something to make them different than the society from which they came.")

The number of students enrolling in church summer workcamps to aid American Indians, city slum dwellers and underprivileged persons overseas.

YOUR OCCUPATION, PLEASE?

By Beulah G. Squires

"Just a housewife." she told the census taker, with a half apologetic smile.

Just a housewife! Oh, no! Such a tiny little bit of her was that. She was an artist—an expert in color, atmosphere and design. Three hundred and sixty-five paintings she finished every year. Many of them would hang in the halls of memory long after she was gone. There had been some dark, tragic days, but she made each one a miniature of courage and framed it with hope. There were prints of sunshine that had been made in spite of illness and sorrow. There were etchings of truth, kindness and compassion that had been painted on canvas washed clean of falsehood, cruelty and indifference. Scenes that might have been commonplace like sweeping, mending and baking, she overlaid with overtones of joy, peace and serenity. High moments of praise and devotion also found their place in her gallery of days.

Just a housewife! She was a poet. A glass of plum jelly on a sunlit window sill was a sonnet of beauty. Clean, fresh curtains stirring in a gentle breeze whispered a poem of love. Crisp loaves of bread effused a folk song to be remembered. The steady swish of a rocking chair over a softly carpeted floor hummed a lullaby, and a child kneeling in prayer by a white bed was a hymn of praise. With the true rhythm found in common things, she beat out the cadence of days that were filled with melody.

Just a housewife? She was a builder, an architect with visions and plans for a better tomorrow. Her foundation was laid on essential goodness. Her walls were squared with gracious living. The windows opened wide to love and understanding. The door swung over a threshold of peace. A roof of faith made the house safe from the storms. A fence of contentment kept away strife, prejudice and ill-will. The gate opened wide on hinges of friendship. It was not a house alone that she built—it was a home where the heart could rest.

"Just a housewife." How little the man, who wrote those words after her name knew—Artist, poet and builder, the mother of today is a molder of destiny—fashioning the lives of her household, that the world of tomorrow may be a better place in which to live.—Sunshine.

THE LIVING WORD

By Luther A. Weigle

When "offend" means "cause to sin"

In addition to its usual meanings, the word "offend" is used by the King James Version of the New Testament in a peculiar sense, as translation for the Greek verb *skandalizo*. The noun *skandalon* meant a trap or snare, and *skandalizo* meant to place something in one's way which would cause him to stumble or fall or sin.

My right eye offend thee, pluck it out. . . And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off. . . is translated in the Revised Standard Version; "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. . . And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off" (Matthew 5:29, 30; parallels in Matthew 18:8, 9; Mark 9:43, 45, 47).

Who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. . . begins "whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall. . ." (Matthew 18:6 and parallel in Mark 9:42 and Luke 17:2).

It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!" now reads "Temp-

tations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!" (Luke 17:1, with parallel in Matthew 18:7). In Matthew 13:41 "all things that offend" is now "all causes of sin."

Jesus' statement to his disciples as they went together to Gethsemane, "All ye shall be offended because of me this night" means, and is now translated, "You will all fall away because of me this night" (Matthew 26:31, 33 and Mark 14:27, 29). In John 16:1 "that ye should not be offended" means "to keep you from falling away."

Paul's declaration, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend," is more accurately translated: "Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall" (1 Corinthians 8:13). The climactic question in his spirited defense of himself in 2 Corinthians (11:29), "Who is offended, and I burn not?" means "Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?"

The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Ler

SOME DEPRESSING STATISTICS

TV and radio commercials encouraging the sale and use of alcoholic beverages seem to be paying off—and in a most unhappy way. According to the Yale University Center of Alcoholic Studies, there are now more than 4,500,000 known alcoholics in the United States. The rate of those entering this state is steadily increasing. This rate has doubled since 1940 and the increase is said to be greater among women than men. A further figure is given for our consideration to the effect that an average of one person out of every ten who drinks moderately ends by becoming a confirmed alcoholic. Figures are not available to show how many in our land regularly drink to excess, nor do we know with any degree of certainty how many there are who conceal their alcoholism and who still manage to pass as those who are able to hold their drink-habit in control.

However this latter may be, the known figures are depressing. They bespeak a great hidden world of misery and of woe. Our Lutheran homes are not exempt from this great problem. Any wife who has had an alcoholic husband, any husband who has had an alcoholic wife, any pastor who has had an alcoholic member and tried to straighten him out, knows that this is a heart-breaking problem and that it might be far better to cut off all these liquor commercials completely, even at the loss of the programs they sponsor, than that this evil of alcoholism should be condoned, approved and even encouraged as it now is.

We do not aspire to be Carrie Nation and to start a new hatchet campaign. However, we are weary of these commercials encouraging a greater use of beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks. Our churches may not incline to try to legislate in the matter, but we do feel that such a disposition on their part must not become something to make them supine and silent. Led by their pastors, they can guide, instruct and warn. They can do more than they are doing—they can and they should.

STATISTICS TO MAKE YOU THINK

Cigarette sales are staging a comeback. The first great fear of throat and lung cancer which depressed sales in 1954 is now waning. American smokers, especially our cigarette smokers, now smoke more than ever. So says the Department of Agriculture which estimates a record high of 395 billions of cigarettes as the consumption for the past year and which predicts a 3% increase for the oncoming year with a top level which may reach 425 billion. While we watch these figures closely, let's also watch that other figure—the national health report, especially as it relates to cancer, throat and lung cancer.

In this same connection it is significant to note that the American Cancer Society, headed by Governor Walter J. Koehler of Wisconsin, has just announced that it will spend a record high of \$8,000,000 next year on cancer research. Obviously enough, our cancer experts do not feel that their problem is anywhere near being solved. On the contrary, these folks seem to regard the situation as desperate. Listen to Governor Koehler: "The major hope for the future lies in research. Despite great progress, about 20,000,000 living

Americans are now marked for cancer unless research new means of preventing or curing this disease."

This new research will be supervised by a Scientific Advisory Council of fifteen eminent scientists, aided by personnel selected from 90 leaders in medical research. Supplementing this enlarged effort, our Government has allocated 100,000 to the National Cancer Institute for studies in chemo-therapy, in the use of chemicals to cure or to prevent cancer. Could some of us help in this field of chemo-therapy by declaring war on a certain chemical called "tar"? Let's try it!

MORE STATISTICS — AND WHAT THEY SAY

No new statistics other than those given some weeks ago are available in regard to wheat and other grains, but the Department of Agriculture has just announced that the corn crop will be considerably higher than that estimated earlier. In fact, it will be the second largest on record. The Soil Bank, curtailing productive acreage, has been in operation for some months to obviate these increases, but it will appear that even so there will be an abundant surplus of corn with a continuation of maintained prices sustained by government buying.

What about the Soil Bank and its operations? As of November 1 payments amounting to approximately \$140,000,000 have been made to farmers sharing in the program. The states of Iowa, Texas, Illinois and Nebraska lead in amounts received and in the order named. By the end of the year it is estimated that a total of \$250,000,000 will have been paid out in the Soil Bank program. For the fiscal year ending July 1, in its farm price support program, our Government reports a loss of \$974,767,365, which amount, if you please, is almost a billion dollars. Additional to this for the year, through its Commodity Credit Corporation, the Agriculture Department had on July 31 an investment of more than \$8 billion in farm commodities, surplus and CCC loans. In shorter words, while the Soil Bank has helped in certain areas, the major problem of unused surplus tied up with government support remains unsolved.

Where is all this taking us? Secretary Benson says he is not discouraged with the outlook. He reports that increased efforts are being made by the Department of Agriculture to sell our surpluses abroad and that the present program in operation will show better results in the coming months. From this vantage point, it looks as though food prices will continue high and even mount higher as they have been mounting. The squeeze will be on the farmer, there is little doubt about that. But Uncle Sam is still trying to help him in a generous way. As for our city-dweller, he will feel the squeeze also. If he, Mr. City-Dweller, has a good paying job, it might be advisable for him to hold on to it, not to strike and to try to save as much out of his weekly check as possible.

A | Restless | Evil

By Robert P. Hansen

I remember when I was still a young lad that I saw a most al sight. I was at a fair, or and standing on a platform e all could see, was an attrac- lady with a huge, gruesome coiled completely around her. To me it was a spine chilling. There she stood with apparent cern as that evil looking ani- completely encircled her in its. And I remember that I ques- in my mind— what is wrong her, couldn't she find some animal to tame that was less ive? It just seemed that such imal as a snake would be one hardest of all animals to tame being so repulsive and evil g, I just couldn't appreciate et. But I guess a snake isn't ardest thing on earth to tame. our text and you will see the Biblical writer suggests is something infinitely harder e, and it is something we all It is our tongue.

There are many places in scrip- ture that warns us about the proper and improper use of our tongue. The Bible abounds in references about this little member of our body. Sometime take a concordance and look up the word "tongue" and see what you find. The book of Pro- verbs is especially fruitful for giving us instructions concerning the proper way to use this member. May I remind you of a well-known passage as it is found in chapter 6:16-19. There are six things which the Lord hates, seven which are an abomination to Him: "Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and a man who sows discord among brothers." Of seven things which the Lord hates and are an abomination to Him—three of these have to do with the improper and wrong use of the tongue. But it is not only in the books of the Old Testament, but also those in the New Testament that we are instructed concerning our tongue. Read what Jesus Him- self had to say in Matt. 12:33-37.

Having these thoughts and pass- ages in the background of our think- ing, what are some observations we can make. May we make **two**?

1. The first thing we observe is that the tongue is very adaptable for wrong usage. This does not mean that the tongue is in itself evil. It is but another part of our body which God created and called very good. However, there still can be said of the tongue that it can be used very easily in the wrong way. Allow us to suggest some ways.

A. False witnessing or lying. Now it is entirely possible for you to re- late an untruth and not know the difference. That is not a lie. Rather we would define a lie as a deliber- ate attempt to deceive another per- son. This is done many times with the wrong use of the tongue. Chris- tians are supposed to be a people who speak the truth. Yet simply look at the standards too often ac- cepted even within the Christian Church. Members lie about their

income tax, about their age, about the facts, about other people—they lie to their enemies, to their friends, to their government, to their pastor, to their children, to their wives, and to their husbands—and even to God. Have we soft-pedaled the Biblical truth so our members no longer clearly discern the right? How much clearer can Proverbs 12:22a be? "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord."

B. Gossip and slander are ways we can easily misuse our tongue. These terms are hardly in need of a definition for the words are often heard. The author of this little bit of verse is unknown but the thoughts are still pertinent.

Before I knew how cruel
Just common talk can be,
I thought that words were singing
things

With colors like the sea
But since I've felt their caustic lash,
And know how they can sting,
I hold my breath when words go by
For fear they will not sing.

Do you know how painful it is to have been the object of some gos- sip or slander? And no matter how far it is from the truth, there will always be some folks who will be- lieve it and pass the message on.

2. Our second observation is that all of us have known times our tongues have ruled us instead of being ruled by us. Do you not re- member the time when you were extremely angry and you spoke words about which you are now ashamed? How many of us have created problems for ourselves sim- ply because we said too much at the wrong time. Remember that James is speaking to folks he calls "Brethren in the faith." Christians, to use our terms. Does this seem strange that James would admit that such things have happened among people who have faith in Christ? Examine your own life, and the fel- lowship of the saints, and you will see that even the believers know of this "restless evil."

Yet to acknowledge the presence of the "restless evil" does not mean
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They Saw It With Their Own Eyes The Distress in the Middle East

By John S. Gebuhr

It was a great experience and joy to visit the Holy Land this year. Through the courtesy of the National Lutheran Council we were able to meet L.W.F. representatives in Berlin and Stuttgart, Germany, in Athens, Greece, and in Jerusalem on the Jordan side.

Mr. Chr. Christiansen, who is director of L.W.F.'s Middle East relief activities came to our hotel at Jerusalem together with his wife and invited us to visit their home in the Augusta Victoria hospital. It was a memorable day spent together with them and their other workers in the relief program. It is simply impossible to give all the details of this work. Under the direction of Mr. Christiansen and the head nurse a hospital is operated. The greatest number of patients are Arab refugees. They have 400 beds and only 20 are occupied by paying patients.

An immense storehouse with surplus goods given by the United States government and U.N.R.W.A. This is all administered by the Lutheran World Federation's department of world service. Two schools are operated by the L.W.F. One is a home and school for 22 blind boys. The other one instructs boys in the trades to enable them to become self-supporting. Both are located on the Mount of Olives near Augusta Victoria Hospital.

Material relief, the distribution of food and clothing, is no doubt the biggest project in the Middle East. It is so great because of the need of 900,000 refugee Arabs. Since the L.W.F. program began in 1948, L.W.F. has given enough clothing away in Jordan to clothe every refugee once. It has given enough away in Syria to clothe every refugee each year, more than 2,700,000 pieces.

When we travelled through Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan by car we could not help but feel sorry for the many people who lived in misery with no chance of mak-

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gebuhr are back from a trip to the Middle East and the Holy Land. Mr. Gebuhr's report is especially important in view of the final drive to meet this year's Lutheran World Action quota.

ing a living. They are just existing, and there are 900,000 of them, half of them under 16. Think of living in caves on the mountain side or in tattered tents or tin shacks made of old oil drums. This problem was created by the U.N. decision to establish Israel in a country populated by Arabs. Until this problem is solved there can be no peace in the Middle East.

If any one needs our prayers and our gifts, they are the folks.

We were also fortunate to fly into West Berlin and spend two days there. Through the kind consideration of the American government we were able to visit both the Western and the Eastern (Russian occupied) zones. Dr. Richard Solberg took us through the refugee center of the Lutheran World Federation, where the refugees from the East come, about 500 every day. These people leave everything behind to flee from Russian domination. It touched our hearts to see them come to the center to be screened and examined by the doctors. They live in old factory buildings partitioned into rooms with about 30-40 men in one room and 30 women in another. They are waiting for a job in West Germany.

One day we went into the Russian zone through the Brandenburg gate. It was like coming into a dead city. Very little has been rebuilt there except Stalin Street where many shops are located.

When we entered that part of Berlin we saw a large sign: "You are now entering the free people's republic."

We stopped for refreshments in a fine restaurant, but before we could be served we were asked to show our passports. Some freedom!

These refugees from the East need clothing and help. Let the Thanksgiving clothing drive be meaningful to all of us!

Let us not forget Lutheran World Action!

LITTLE LARRY

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Heaven will always be a bit nearer now. It will be harder to forget that upward way that leads to that land of the blest. How good that a pastor at such a time does not have to stand with empty promises and dim

hopes, but can speak the words of comfort right out of the Word of God.

And so blessed be the memory of little Larry. He has accomplished his mission here on earth. He has fought the good fight, he has kept the faith, he has finished the course. May we follow after in faith, hope and Christian love. Then our lives and our ministry will not have been in vain.

ESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH

By Dr. C. C. Madsen

College gratefully announces the receipt of a gift of thousand dollars from Mrs. Pauline Christianson of on, South Dakota, to be applied to the Student Loan

at Dana acknowledge this gift with our sincere ap- in we do so in the hope that it may be an inspira- lead others into one of the most rewarding oppor- of Christian stewardship.

Mrs. Christianson, together with her former pastor, erend A. V. Neve, visited the Dana campus recently e of the great joy she had experienced in helping young men finance their education—men who went become pastors, teachers, directors of music, foreign ries and other fruitful servants in the Kingdom of s we talked of this I was constrained to offer my teful testimony: that, humanly speaking, it was on- gh the financial assistance of my beloved pastor, the erend Anders Hansen, and a few others who lent ed funds, that I was able to complete my College minary training.

s also mentioned that one of our greatest hopes— st important needs—is to establish a student loan Dana whereby our deserving students may borrow if y to continue their education. A number of worthy withdraw each year solely for financial reasons. growing College we must do more than recruit more en; we must also have a positive program to enable g students to complete their four years of college. of from twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars for low loans and grants-in-aid—with a minimum of res as to their use—would be a tremendous asset to an area of one of our real needs. The availability a fund for Trinity Seminary has been of immeasur- ue, as virtually every graduate of Trinity in recent ill gratefully testify.

quite possible that there are twenty-five or fifty good n our Church who are asking, "Where can I profit- west money which the Lord has entrusted to me?" e offer Mrs. Christianson's good example? And may we ask, can you find an investment more fruit- n in the youth of our Church and our Church

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

as we are writing this we have received the News of the National Lutheran Educational Conference quotes a recent survey stating that one-half of the nty-five percent of high school graduates do not at- llege. Admittedly, money alone is not the answer, report asserts that "more scholarships may influ- ree-fourths of that top twenty-five percent to attend " A very few of our UELC parishes and one or two ubs are providing scholarships for students in their eas. In some Lutheran synods a large number of s provide scholarships or grants annually to send more of their students to their own church college. To rishes, men's and women's organizations, Luther s, Dana Clubs, or interested laymen we suggest such am as another challenging example of investment in th.

SOULS FIRST

Board of Trustees at its October meeting reaffirmed ident commitment to a long-range program of cam-

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THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

IN LIFE, IN DEATH—NOT OUR WILL, BUT THINE

In the seasons of all living things, it is His will that some do not remain to see the completion of the wither- ing fall and the biting winter—some must leave while enjoying the freshness and beauty of life in spring.

So it is with us. Some are sorted out early to be called to His side, while others are left behind to finish out the seasons.

A Time To Live And To Die

In our recent experience with death, the truth of this is brought out more fully. Ada Anderson was just in the spring of life, yet she knew that there is a time to live and a time to die. She accomplished both equally well, with an honesty and courage that is lacking in many of us.

Even so, sorrow at her passing away fills all of us. It is hard to realize the finality of death as far as life on earth is concerned; it is encouraging to remember that there is another life beyond where suffering is no more.

She Is Home

Ada left here in good spirits; she merely went to be home. Let us remember her like this—although she has gone further away to another Home.

Let us have happy memories of the good times, of her smiling face and willingness to help another. Let us not be overcome by sorrow but be lifted up with knowledge that this is according to His eternal Will.

May we sincerely pray—and try to understand—that His will be done, in the past, in the present, and for- ever more. Not our will, Lord, but Thine . . .

Editorial in HERMES by
Marilyn Ward, Racine, Wis.

AUSTRALIAN PROFESSOR IS GUEST LECTURER

Professor Cecil H. Hadgraft of the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, lectured at Dana Col- lege on November 14. He was the guest of the Depart- ment of English.

The Australian scholar is a guest professor at the University of Omaha this semester. At Dana he spoke on the topic "Do Australians speak English?" He pre- sented examples of the variations in the English of Amer- ica and that of his native land.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

"Chicken" vs Christian

By Howard Clark

Time was when the name hot rod was synonymous for devilment on wheels. The hot rods took over highways as their own to stage drag races. Normal traffic was stopped. Fellows and girls played "chicken," that is, two cars came toward each other on the white line, foot on the throttle and the fellow who swerved first was called "chicken." Sometimes no one swerved, with resulting accidents and death. No wonder driving an automobile became legally classified as using a deadly weapon!

There are still those who think a thrill consists in endangering your own and the lives of others. They don't see that it takes far more guts and self-control to live right. But others do and so all over the country the right kind of hot rod clubs are being organized.

For instance, the Los Angeles Police Department since 1950 has had a regular program of hot rod clubs. A feature of the club program is the Los Angeles County Hot Rod Indianapolis Derby. Approximately 3000 young drivers, two from each club, participate in the fifteen regional driving contests with the winners getting free trips to the Indianapolis 500-mile race. Any contestant who has had a traffic citation six months prior to the contest or during the contest is barred from participation.

The club members get together, work on their cars, really tuning them up. They cut away every encumbrance, often dispensing with fenders, starters, fans and fan belts. They change gear ratio, add carburetors to improve combustion, grind down cylinder heads to boost power and "channel bodies" (i.e. lower the center of gravity) for safety. It's a form of mechanical madness, but out of interests like these come our mechanics and inventors. If you are a hot rod enthusiast, do your best by your car and then invite mom for a drive. It will help her to understand your interest.

Join, or start if necessary, a church-centered hot rod club. Lots of boys on the Pacific coast have found it is a grand way to pursue their hobby, have Christian companionship and a place to invite fellows who aren't Christians. The First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood sponsors the Streakin' Deacons. Under the leadership of Otto Stayber they meet once a week at a neighborhood garage to work on their cars and have devotions. There are between fifteen and twenty members, most of them in high school but a few who have gone on to college, keep coming because of the fellowship.

Too, Youth for Christ sponsors the Boltin' Bishops,

which has ten branches in the Pacific Southwest Region of YFC with nationwide plans. Christian fellows are working with these gangs because in too many of other clubs the members swear, smoke and end the evening by drinking. The Boltin' Bishops get together, down and build up cars, listen to top speakers. They find that even being a hot rodder can be a meaningful living for Christ and telling others about Him by word and the way one drives a car.

(From the forthcoming book, **For Fellows Only**, printed by Zondervan.)

LINES

From

OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

Teen-agers Search Scriptures Daily

By George J. Robertson

From Coast to Coast and from north to south teenagers are reading the Bible daily. This is a most heartening and convincing sign to the spiritual life which exists among the youth of the church.

How do we know this is the case? We know through the requests for membership in the Pocket Testament League. These requests come from Maine and California, from Canada and from our southmost leagues.

On file in the Youth Office are the names and addresses of 379 members of the Pocket Testament League. Some of these members are pastors and counselors but the majority of them are teen-agers.

The Luther League at Laurens, N.Y. has 100% membership in the PTL. We believe their example is worth following so we asked them to send us a picture of their league. We take our hats off to Pastor C. C. Kloth of his league. Pastor Kloth is past his 81st birthday, you would never guess it when visiting with him when observing the active youth group of his church.

DECEMBER—PERSONAL DEVOTIONS MONTH

Personal devotional life should be stressed throughout the year, and so it is, but we wish to give it a special emphasis during December.

This is a good time to have a PTL banquet or special program to acquaint your youth with the daily reading program known as The Pocket Testament League and to give them the opportunity to become members. Your Youth Office will provide you with literature and membership application cards upon request.



Luther League of Laurens, N. Y., C. C. Kloth, Pastor, which has 100% membership in the Pocket Testament League.

ET THE NEW YEAR WITH "THE UNITING WORD"

help you in your personal devotions your Synodical Luther League is providing a devotional guide, "THE UNITING WORD." This guide has an outline for devotion for every day of the year including Scripture readings and prayers. It suggests a memory verse for each week and a Hymn of the Month.

Lutheran synods cooperated in publishing "THE UNITING WORD." They are Augustana (which started publishing it in 1950), ELC, LFC, Suomi, and our own. Almost 100,000 young people will be using this guide in 1957.

We suggest you get enough copies for all the youth in your church, not active leaguers only. They may be ordered from the Youth Office, Route 2, Blair, Nebraska. 25 cents per copy. Be sure to order early to avoid the Christmas rush, and to be sure you can distribute them before JANUARY 1st.

PLANNING FOR 1957

January is the month to plan for your summer program in Luther League. Beside the local activities, you may want to arrange to have your leaguers attend Leadership Schools, Bible Camps, Circuit rallies, etc. Of course, you will want to have as many as possible attend the International Luther League Convention in Fresno, California June 27-30.

Juanita Toepel, our Publicity Chairman, has urged the pastors and leaguers with some excellent suggestions for earning money for the trip to Fresno. Seven dollars will soon fly by, so don't wait.

FEBRUARY 24th will be YOUTH SUNDAY. Make February Sunday a day of prayer for youth throughout the synod. Plan to make it a day for youth to witness their faith to the glory of God.

Let The CHIMES Ring

In the mail this morning I received my copy of **CHRISTMAS CHIMES—1956**. I had received no advance publicity; I almost wondered whether there was going to be a **Chimes** this year; and then it came! The thrill of removing its wrapper and of turning its pages more than compensated for my former misgivings.

Here again was an example of what an editor with a knack for both the literary and the artistic is able to produce, and Editor Paulsen deserves real recognition for making the **Christmas Chimes** more than a collection of religious-slanted stories and sketches. In its pages you find the depth of the gospel presented effectively in word and picture. The beauty of the presentation includes even the lay-out and type upon which so much of the effectiveness of a publication depends.

The incomparable account of Christ's coming as it is recorded by the Evangelists Matthew and Luke and as it is retold in picture and applied by Editor Paulsen in his sensitive style sets the theme for the whole **Chimes**.

An hour's reading of **CHRISTMAS CHIMES—1956** introduced me to two Christmas pieces by great masters of literature. Here is Dostoevski's "A Boy's Christmas" which deserves to rank with Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Match Girl" in the category of touching Christmas narratives. Besides the pathos of its Danish counterpart, this Russian story has the advantage of a "happy ending" although some might feel an ending a paragraph or two earlier would have been more impressive. Here also is "The Selfish Giant," a delightful story about a giant and little children and the Christ by Oscar Wilde.

Agnes Ringsborg contributes to this year's **Chimes** with a story, "White Christmas At Black Creek," about a negro family, pitifully forgotten until two servicemen demonstrate Christian concern. Having read the story, you won't easily forget little Geneva or devout Eliza.

The reminiscences of North Dakota pioneers in "Those Good Old Days," "The Singing Loom" with its account of the writing of "Silent Night," the well-selected verse including the words to the carol, "Friendly Beasts," the family Christmas devotion, and the two pages of cartoons with their cutting captions make the reading of **Christmas Chimes** an enriching experience. And then there are those other selections which my hour did not permit me to read, but which will serve to fill some other hour.

Editor Paulsen and Professor Neve have combined their respective talents in writing a Christmas hymn for this year's **Chimes** entitled "Dear Lord, As Christmas Comes In My Home."

Elmer Petersen's well-designed cover, other illustrations by Clarence Strubble and Jessie Lee Bailey, and effective photography enhance the appeal of the total work.

This is your publication: **CHRISTMAS CHIMES—1956**. Sell it. Read it. Be proud of it.—J.W.N.

BY THE FIRESIDE

WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find my love so cold,
My faith so weak and dim
I had not even looked for Him,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find that I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today
Would I be glad—quite glad?
Remembering He had died for all,
And none, through me, had heard His
call,
What would He say?

—Grace Troy

ENOUGH STEAM!

A reformed and converted drunkard, Jesse Pullen, was trying to lead to Christ one of his old companions. When the latter expressed a fear that he would not hold out, Pullen said: "You know that I run a little steamer in the summer. I don't wait until I get up steam enough to carry me across the sound before I start. I would blow the boat all to pieces. The boat wouldn't stand it. But when I get about twenty pounds of steam up, I sing out, 'All right, Captain, go ahead!' Down in the hold I have plenty of coal, and as fast as we use up the steam, we make more; and so we go across the sound, though we never have more than twenty or thirty pounds of steam at any one time.

"Now the Lord does not start us off with grace enough for a lifetime. Poor human nature couldn't stand it, I suppose. But He wipes out all our past sins with His mercy, and gives us just enough grace for one day's duty. But, mind you, He provides plenty of fuel to make more grace—even the Bible and prayer and the Holy Spirit. So all the way along the voyage of life we have grace and help in time of need."

—Selected

TRUE LOVE

I think true love is never blind,
But rather brings on added light,
An inner vision, quick to find
The beauties hid from common sight.

No soul can ever clearly see
Another's highest, noblest part,

Save through the sweet philosophy
And loving wisdom of the heart.

—Phoebe Cary

A PRAYER

Enlarge my heart, O Lord, this day,
That everyone who comes my way
May catch a glimpse of heavenly grace
And see joy shining in my face.

Enlarge my heart, O Lord, this day,
That every child who comes my way
May find a source of happiness,
And feel Thy Hands outstretched to
bless.

Enlarge my heart, O Lord, this day,
That everyone who comes my way
May prove the witness borne by me
And be the nearer drawn to Thee.

—Hilda I. Rostron

Sunday School Chronicle

WHAT MEN CAN DO FOR BOYS

By George A. Eichler

The fall season has come, the boys have gone back to school and the fall activities of church and lay organizations have begun.

In looking around for something worthwhile to do for boys, your Brotherhood men might consider some of the following suggestions:

1. Keep in touch with the school life of your scouts and other boys. Encourage them to stay in school until they graduate and to make a good record. They will thank you later.

2. Encourage the boys to attend church and Sunday school regularly. Be systematic about this.

3. Urge them to work for the Pro Deo et Patria Award as well as the Eagle Badge.

4. Encourage boys who are working their way through school. Perhaps the Brotherhood could buy a few small things they cannot afford. Let them know you are back of them.

5. Urge Brotherhood men who are employers to give part-time work to boys who need help to stay in school.

6. Encourage boys who work to attend night school to improve themselves.

7. Promote a "Find Yourself" campaign in which boys may interview men of different vocations.

8. Teach boys to be good citizens by taking an active part in some community activity.

9. Have a boys' night and bring in a speaker especially for the boys.

10. Remember, good boys are the only raw material out of which good men are made.

—Lutheran Men

BELOVED SHEEP

By Edna M. Metz

Thro' weary pain-racked centuries
Thro' cloud and flame they keep
Their true identity of race—
Thine own beloved sheep!

In suffrings oft' unparalleled,
In blood and tears they reap
The hate and scorn of cruel men
Thine own beloved sheep!

Unloved, despised, forgotten men
For whom the angels weep!
Lord Jesus, grant salvation to
Thine own beloved sheep!

Lord God, o'er blinded Israel
Thy loving vigil keep,
Thy Shepherd heart seek, one by one
Thine own beloved sheep!

—Gospel Herald

A small boy went from door to door in a large apartment house, soliciting business.

"I walk dogs," he told a prospective customer. "If you have got a small dog, I will walk him all around the block for a dime. Or I will walk a middle-sized dog for fifteen cents. If you have a great big one, my price is only a nickel."

"Why do you only charge a nickel for great big dogs?" asked the housewife.

"I don't walk great big dogs," said the little boy. "I ride them!"

A door-to-door salesman who always has trouble with chatty women got hold of an old, broken hearing aid which he wears when calling on prospective customers. If the lady of the house is a gabby kind who wants to talk, something always happens to the thing and he can't hear a word. Out comes a pencil and pad and the lady is asked to write down what he is saying.

Surprising how little a woman has to say when she has to write it down.

"Cramming"

She is 87, and still able to hold her own in any exchange of wit. One day recently her youngest granddaughter came over to visit her.

"Grandma," she said, "It seems every time I come to see you, you are reading your Bible."

"Yes, dear, you're right, You're cramming for my finals."

A RESTLESS EVIL

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Robert Boyd Munger, in
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DAILY BIBLE READING

DECEMBER

- 1—Isaiah 55:1-13
- 2 Advent—Luke 6:20-49
- 3—John 1:1-28
- 4—John 1:29-51
- 5—John 3:1-36
- 6—John 4:1-38
- 7—John 15:1-27
- 8—John 17:1-26
- 9 Universal
 Bible Sunday—Luke 8:1-21
- 10—Acts 17:16-34
- 11—Romans 8:1-39
- 12—Romans 12:1-21
- 13—1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- 14—Philippians 4:1-23
- 15—Hebrews 11:1-40
- 16 Sunday—Luke 10:23-42
- 17—Luke 11:1-17

- 18—Luke 12:22-34
- 19—Luke 15:1-10
- 20—Luke 15:11-32
- 21—Luke 1:1-23
- 22—Luke 1:24-38
- 23 Sunday—Luke 1:39-56
- 24—Luke 1:57-80
- 25 Christmas—Luke 2:1-20

For those who want to continue
 reading the Bible the last six days of
 the year, these passages are recom-
 mended:

- 26—Luke 2:21-40
- 27—Luke 2:41-52
- 28—Luke 3:1-23
- 29—Luke 4:1-15
- 30 Sunday—Luke 4:16-44
- 31—Psalms 90:1-17

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	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission
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Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church	13.90				13.90	
McNabb, Ill., Emmaus Luth. S. S.	45.00	45.00				
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church	269.88			89.88	90.00	
Audubon, Iowa, Eben Ezer Luth. Church, Magnus Madsen \$25, Kenneth Christensen \$30, Eben Ezer Church \$42	97.00			97.00		
Volga, So. Dak. The following are in memory of Mr. J. C. Jensen, Volga, So. Dakota: from Mrs. Laurence Nelsen and family, Irene, So. Dak., Pension Fund \$2; from Mrs. Helga Kjergaard and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kjergaard, Irene, S. D., Home Mission \$2; from Mr. and Mrs. Abel Nelsen and Gary, Volin, So. Dak., Gen. Fund \$1	5.00			1.00	2.00	
Humboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	100.00	6.00	42.00	10.00	21.00	2.00
Kennard, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. Church	43.25			43.25		
Beresford, So. Dak., Nazareth Luth. So. Circle	62.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church	500.00	30.00	210.00	50.00	105.00	10.00
In memory of Mother of Art Louald \$5, In memory of Mother of Mrs. Alice Stromberg \$5, In memory of Mother of William Christiansen \$5, Mr. Martin Frederiksen \$5	20.00				20.00	
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church	2.50				2.50	
Denmark, W.s., Our Saviour's Luth. Church, from Our Saviour's Choir, in memory of Mrs. Anton Marshall	5.00				5.00	
Pewaukee, Wis., Galilee Luth. Church	500.00	30.00	210.00	50.00	105.00	10.00
Blair, Nebr., From Anonymous	50.00	5.00	20.00		20.00	5.00
Oakland, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	200.00	12.00	84.00	20.00	42.00	4.00
Westbrook, Me., Rec'd of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kloth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kloth and Mr. and Mrs. Arndt Kloth, in memory of Miss Kristine Hansen, Selma, Calif.	6.00					
Northgate, N. Dak., from the Northgate Ladies Aid	15.00				15.00	
Viborg, S. Dak., from Bethany Willing Workers in memory of Fred Nelson	2.00				2.00	
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church from Daughters of Bethany including \$25 for Bethany Old People's Home at Minden, Nebr.	75.00	4.50	31.50	7.50	15.75	1.50
Irene, S. Dak., Turkey Valley Luth. Ladies Aid	100.00		35.00	30.00	35.00	
Neenah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church, Gen. Fund from Vacation Bible School \$12.94; Home Mission from the S. S. \$75	87.94			12.94	75.00	
Standard, Alta., Nazareth Luth. Church sent in by Anton Myrthu, Treas., 1/2 share of synod quota for 56-57	671.20	40.00	281.00	70.20	140.00	13.00
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hurdum	5.00					
Fresno, Calif., From Immanuel Mission. Soc., of Easton, Calif., for Christmas	14.72	14.72				
Audubon, Ia., Eben Ezer Church, Home Mission, in memory of Mrs. Joe Kotas, Glidden, Ia., \$5; Gen. Fund, from Mr. and Mrs. N. George Hansen, \$20; Gen. Fund, in memory of Mrs. Joe Kotas from Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Campbell \$5; School Fund, in memory of Mrs. Joe Kotas from Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hansen \$5	35.00		5.00	25.00	5.00	
Exira, Ia., Ophelia Ladies Aid, Exira Luth. Church	400.00	24.00	168.00	40.00	84.00	8.00
Elim Children's Home, Elk Horn, Ia.	50.00	50.00				
Laurel, Nebr., Gethsemane Luth. Church from J. H. and A. M. Tennesen	20.00					
Blair, Nebr., Women's Missionary Society Synod. Treas. from the following:						
\$25.00 San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Ladies Aid						
\$45.00 San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church, Zion Sewing Society						
\$29.00 Castro Calley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church Ladies Aid						
\$29.00 Castro Valley, Calif., W.M.S. of Faith Luth. Church						
\$22.00 Elk Horn, Iowa, Dorcas Aid Society						
\$28.00 Hamlin, Ia., Priscilla Guild						
Total \$178.00	178.00		89.00		89.00	
Eben Ezer Elevator Fund, Brush, Colo., Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's W.M.S. \$20						
Eben-Ezer Elevator Fund, Brush, Colo., Poy Sippi, Wis., Ladies Aid of First Luth. Church \$40						
TOTAL	93788.71	5381.86	30024.67	16838.06	20748.43	4031.52

1956 Budget	111144.00	43399.00	16000.00	25000.00	10000.00	16745.00
Percentages (approximate)	100 Pct.	.39	.14	.23	.09	.15

	Total (Where Most World Received Needed)	Foreign Missions	1956 Luth. South Amer. Mission	Japan Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission
Previously acknowledged (November 17, 1956)	73513.91	3529.71	23637.39	11805.29	12433.66	9646.74	12101.27
Westby, Mont., Daneville S. S.	6.50				6.50		
Fresno, Calif., Rec'd of Marie K. Jensen, in memory of Jacob N. Jacobsen	5.00		5.00				
Neola, Iowa, St. Paul's Luth. Church, from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sorensen	20.00					20.00	
Bow Island, Alta., Zion Luth. Church for Miss Betty Ann Jorgensen Testimony and Speech on Missions: Mr. E. Norden, \$2, Mr. R. Swennumson, \$3, Miss M. Sevelrud, \$1, Mr. E. Wutzke \$2, Mrs. A. Swennumson \$1, Mrs. D. Moench \$1, Mrs. Gust Johnson \$1, Mr. G. Moser \$1, Mr. D. Byam \$1, Mr. A. Thompson \$1, Betty Lou Egan \$1, Joan Gilbertson \$1, Mr. Ken Babe \$2, Rev. A. E. Dalhen \$1, and Mr. S. Swartzenberger, Box 482 Milk River, Alta. \$1	20.00						
Princeton, N. Jersey, from Anonymous	5.00					20.00	
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church	321.10	321.10					5.00
Farmington, Minn., Farmington Luth. S. S. for Helen Margaret Jacobsen	50.00						50.00
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church, From the Church for Parkijuli \$15 and from Mr. and Mrs. Hans P. Hansen \$20	35.00					35.00	
Northgate, N. Dak., Northgate Community Church, from the Northgate Ladies Aid	25.20	25.20					
Scranton, Ia., from the First Luth. S. S. Mission Bank	11.84		11.84				
Kenmare, N. Dak., Hereford Farm, from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schou	100.00						100.00
Neenah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church from W.M.S.	18.00		18.00				
Irene, S. D., Turkey Valley Luth. Ladies Aid	10.00		10.00				
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church	159.25	159.25					
Blair, Nebr., Women's Missionary Society Synod. Treas.							
Poy Sippi, Wis., Ladies Aid of First Luth. Church for Rev. Morck's Translation work	12.00		12.00				
Wisconsin Dist., W.M.S. Salary for November for Helen M. Jacobsen	70.00						70.00
Humboldt, Ia., Dorcas Ladies Aid in memory of Sheryl Renee Jellier	2.00			2.00			
Jacksonville, Ia., Junior Mission Soc., in memory of Mrs. Jennie Christensen	5.00			5.00			
Audubon, Iowa, Helping Hand Society of Our Savior's Luth. Church	250.00	200.00	25.00				25.00
TOTAL	74639.80	3529.71	24352.94	11877.13	12447.16	9701.74	12371.27

Received with thanks. Blair, Nebr., November 24, 1956. P. V. Hansen, Tr

LETTER FROM HUNGARY

Bishop Lajos Ordass Safe; Reports On Life In Hungary

ran Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary and his are safe in Budapest, according to the latest received at New York.

bishop, who was rehabilitated shortly before Hungarian revolution and reinstated as head of the Lutheran Church of Hungary during the short period of Hungarian freedom, announced so in a letter. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America.

letter, dated November 16, Bishop Ordass described that "our Lutheran Church has now found its way" but added that "what is to happen with our Church is at present an unsolved puzzle."

and the Church in Hungary needs money, clothing, food, but added that unless ways could be found that aid sent to Hungary would really be reaching those for whom it was meant, "we would have to carry on patiently in the situation as we have

ing that "I have no time to go into details," Bishop Ordass described the general situation of his Church in Hungary:

Church life is now unhampered. Services are held without hindrance. After many years we are permitted to have hospitals. Although schools in many places have not yet reopened, we have started free religious education everywhere. Where it cannot be done in the church, it is carried on in the parish home. There are no obstacles. We also have the right to carry out freely the work of love."

letter which was released here by Dr. Fry in his capacity as president of Lutheran World Relief, also described earlier reports that Bishop Ordass had been reinstated as an active bishop.

that on October 31 he had taken over the administration of the Church's southern diocese, and added that Bishop Zoltan Turoczy, who was sentenced to death in prison in 1945 and removed from his bishop's office in 1951, took over the administration of the northern diocese on November 3.

changes, said Bishop Ordass, took place following the resignation of Bishop Lajos Veto and Lajos Veto who "have gone on furlough." The two bishops were then named to their offices under the previous

ing the refugees who have fled from Hungary to the United States, Bishop Ordass added, is Erno Mihalfi, "the general inspector of our church."

not wish to persecute him, I only ask that he be considered a spokesman for our Church," the bishop

went on to inform that the two lay inspectors of the church "who also were in office without the consent of the church people, have left," and that "all deans, se-

nior and probsts have resigned and the church parishes have again been granted the right to elect legal church leaders."

According to reports from other sources, all these changes were made by the Assembly of the Lutheran Church of Hungary on October 31, before the Soviet forces reasserted themselves in Hungary.

In his letter, Bishop Ordass also referred to the earlier efforts by the Lutheran World Federation to achieve his rehabilitation from the previous regime.

"What our brothers in the faith attempted to obtain for us in August of this year here in Hungary has now been achieved. Thanks be to God for this miracle and thanks for the help of our brothers in the faith," he wrote.

As he went on to state that the future of Hungary is "an unsolved puzzle," Bishop Ordass pointed out that Hungary "has suffered losses, although from the church point of view they are not too great, but the threat of hunger and the rigors of winter are upon our people."

"If there is a possibility to help us with food and clothing in such a way as to insure that we will really receive the help, we would be very grateful for it. Small sums of money are necessary to solve certain problems," the bishop said.

However, he stressed that "if there is no guarantee that this help will reach the addressee, we would prefer to continue to carry on patiently in the situation as we have done."

"Large amounts of help for the rebuilding of our church life do not seem to be vital at present," Bishop Ordass stated. "We will turn to you later with these problems—if God wills it."

"Brother in our Lord Jesus Christ," Bishop Ordass concluded his letter. "Many thanks for the love which you have shown to us. God's blessings on you, your church and your work. I ask for your prayers for our severely tested Church and for our people. Especially in the shadow of the cross we have experienced many astonishing miracles of God."

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